

CHAPTER NO. 822

HOUSE BILL NO. 2258

By Representative Bowers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2654

By Senators Dixon, Henry, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-136, relative to relative foster caregivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-136, is amended by adding the following as appropriately designated subsections:

() Subject to the availability of funding, the duration of the pilot programs established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 71-3-136 to 71-3-138, shall be extended for two (2) years. The programs shall follow the guidelines set in the current pilot program statutes and any regulations the department developed to implement the existing pilot programs.

() Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the department's ability to obtain funding from other public or private sources including available TANF funds and other federal funds; provided, that if TANF or other federal funds are terminated and available non-state sources are inadequate to fund fully the extension of the pilot programs, such pilot programs shall cease.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-136(h), is amended by adding the following to the end of the current subsection (h):

The department of children's services shall submit two (2) additional reports of the outcomes associated with the relative caregiver program pursuant to this subsection with the first report submitted on or before June 30, 2003, and the second report submitted by January 30, 2004.

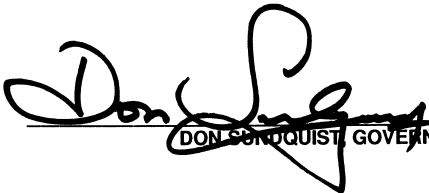
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 20, 2002


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of June 2002


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